

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION  
of the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress <sup>1</sup>**

[Date approved: April 29, 2010]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** S. 2139 (Mr. Lamar Alexander of Tennessee et al.).

**Proponent name,<sup>3</sup> location:** Eastman Chemical Co., Kingsport, TN.

**Other bills on product (111<sup>th</sup> Congress only):** None.

**Nature of bill:** Temporary duty reduction through December 31, 2011.

**Retroactive effect:** None.

**Suggested article description(s) for enactment (including appropriate HTS subheading(s)):**

Amorphous synthetic silicon dioxide (CAS No. 7631-86-9) (provided for in subheading 2811.22.10).

**Check one:** ☐ Same as that in bill as introduced.  
☒ Different from that in bill as introduced (see Technical comments section).

**Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:**

The subject product, imported primarily from China, Japan, Germany, and the United Kingdom, is used as a dehumidifying and drying agent, in air conditioning applications, in catalysis, and in specialty additives in plastic formulations.

**Estimated effect on customs revenue for the subject product classifiable in HTS subheading 2811.22.10:**

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
<del>Col. 1-General rate of duty</del>	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports <sup>a</sup>	\$45,000,000	\$45,000,000	\$45,000,000	\$45,000,000	\$45,000,000
Customs revenue loss <sup>b c</sup>	\$765,000	\$765,000	\$765,000	\$765,000	\$765,000

a/ Dutiable import estimates were based on official U.S. Government statistics and Commission estimates.

b/ At the request of Congress, customs revenue loss is provided for 5 years, although the effective period of the proposed legislation may differ.

c/ The estimated customs revenue loss is based on a temporary reduction of the general rate of duty from 3.7 percent ad valorem to 2 percent ad valorem, a reduction of 1.7 percentage points.

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<sup>2</sup> Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at [http://www.usitc.gov/tariff\\_affairs/congress\\_reports/](http://www.usitc.gov/tariff_affairs/congress_reports/).

<sup>3</sup> The sponsor/proponent did not identify any additional beneficiaries of this bill.

**Contacts with domestic firms/organizations (including the proponent):**

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
Eastman Chemical Co. (Proponent) Brent Perry, 202-347-9547	01/20/2010	No	No	No
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**Technical comments:<sup>4</sup>**

The Commission staff suggests that the article description on page 1 of this report be used in the proposed article description because the suggested chemical name describes the particular silicone dioxide that is covered by CAS No. 7631-86-9.

<sup>4</sup> The Commission may express an opinion on the HTS classification of a product to facilitate consideration of the bill. However, by law, only the U.S. Customs Service is authorized to issue a binding ruling on this matter. The Commission believes that the U.S. Customs Service should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

111TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 2139

To reduce temporarily the duty on Syloboc K-200.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 29, 2009

Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. CORKER) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

To reduce temporarily the duty on Syloboc K-200.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SYLOBOC K-200.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of  
5 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is  
6 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following  
7 new heading:

“	9902.01.00	Silicon dioxide (CAS No. 7631–86–9) (provided for in subheading 2811.22.10) .....	2%	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2011	”.
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8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
9 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from

- 1 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
- 2 the date of enactment of this Act.

